

# The Washington State ARCHITECTS

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## NEWS BULLETIN

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### What's new

Welcome to the new Washington State Board for Architects' electronic news bulletin! We will publish this brief bulletin several times a year, with news about board and program activity. Be sure to visit the board's [website](#) for more information.

### Changes Are Coming

On March 19, 2010, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5529, affecting the practice of architecture in Washington State and how it is regulated by the Washington State Board for Architects.

The Board is using this new legislation as an opportunity to review and update the administrative rules for the architect profession. We've held rule work sessions in July, September and October. Our intent is to have the preliminary draft rules available to the profession this winter, evaluate it based on feedback at the first board meeting in 2011 and start the formal rule change process no later than March 2011.

### Licensing Fees to be Partially Suspended

At the September 2010 meeting, the Board moved to recommend the Director of the Department of Licensing partially suspend licensing fees between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013 to maintain a healthy fund balance for the program. The rule process for the fee suspension will correspond with the other rule updates.

	Examination Application	Reciprocity Application	Oral Examination	Initial License	Renewal	Renewal with Penalty	Duplicate license	Certification of licensure
Current	\$100	\$390	\$50	\$99	\$99	\$132	\$15	\$27
Effective 7/1/11	\$50	\$250	\$50	\$75	\$75	\$100	0	0
							Permanent suspension	

### NCARB visits Washington

Harry M. Falconer, Jr., Director for the Intern Development Program (IDP) with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) presented to the students at University of Washington on Tuesday October 12 at noon. Assistant Director for IDP Nick Serfass will be presenting at Washington State University on Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. A board member and staff representative will attend each meeting.

### Board Members to Share Rule Updates at the AIA Annual Meeting

Board Chair Pedro Castro and Board Secretary Neitha Wilkey will give a brief presentation on the rule updates at the November 12 meeting of the American Institute of Architects Washington Council. For more information about the meeting, visit AIA's webpage [aiawa.org](http://aiawa.org). The presentation will be published to the Board's [website](#) after the event.

### Keep your license active – remember these 3 tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every other birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address.

## Board news

### Your board members:

Pedro de Magalhães Casto, Chair – Redmond  
 Charles F. Farrell, AIA, Vice-Chair – Camas  
 Neitha Wilkey, AIA, Secretary – Lakewood  
 Colin Jones, AIA, Member – Seattle  
 Benson A. Nielsen, AIA, NCARB, Member – Spokane  
 Pamela J. Transue, Public Member – Tacoma  
 Blaine Weber, AIA, Member – Seattle

### 2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting agendas and minutes will be published on our [website](#) as they become available.

November 19, 2010 Tacoma Community College  
 9 AM

2011 meeting dates will be set at the November meeting.

## Complaints and disciplinary activity

The Washington Board for Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice. When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent). A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert.

The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing.

### Current Cases:

Unlicensed practice	16
Unprofessional conduct	0
Incompetence	0
Total open cases:	16

Use of the words “architect,” “architecture” and “architectural” is a common basis for unlicensed practice complaints. The Board regularly reviews unlicensed practice cases where the respondent advertised as an architect. In each of these cases, the Board clarifies the protected status of this language according to RCW 18.08.310 and asks for compliance.

- If the respondent complies with the law, if no evidence supports the allegation, or if the respondent was appropriately using licensed architects to provide the architectural services, the Board closes the case with no further action.
- If the respondent fails to comply with the law, the case manager recommends charges, with a corresponding sanction.

Respondent Case Number	Allegation	Board Action
Daniel Suci Imperial Design 2010-03-0404-00ARC	Unlicensed practice	This case was closed without action on September 17, 2010: the respondent removed protected language from his online advertising and is in compliance with the architect law.
JMC Architecture – Jacques Couture 2009-11-0400-00ARC	Unlicensed practice	The respondent was ordered to permanently cease and desist practicing or offering to practice architecture and fined \$500 for unlicensed practice as an architect according to the Agreed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order served September 23, 2010.
A Licensee* 2008-02-0400-01ARC	Unprofessional conduct; unethical practice	This case was closed without action on September 17, 2010: this case went before the Board of Engineers and the Architect Board, with allegations of unlicensed practice as an engineer and unprofessional conduct as an architect. The Engineers’ Board dismissed the case with no further action and the Architect Board, after substantial investigation, closed the case with no further action as well.

\*Licensees are not named in disciplinary reporting unless the Board takes disciplinary action.

## Licensee news

Congratulations! The Washington Board for Architects and staff welcome 89 new licensees to the profession between May 2010 and August 2010:

By Examination (43)		By Reciprocity (45)	
Thomas Oakley Bath Tiffany Lynn Bowie Ellen Rachel Campbell Timothy Stephen Carter Byungwoo Cho Bart Chui Ginger Feretto Daturae Jeremy Claude Doty Katherine Anne Easton Jeremy L. Evard Rosa Folla Holger Fritsch Miriam Ginsberg Matthew Scott Glassman Andrew J. Griffin Brooke M. Hanley Brian S. Hegstad Joo-Suk Hwang Michael Joseph Janes Joshua Dylan Johns Keasa Marie Jones Lori Linda Kessler	Ingrid E. Krueger Michelle Grace Leong Gary M. Livermore Crystal Dee Loya Tori L. Masterson James R. Mill Brian G. Palmberg Joseph Arthur Park Michael Joseph Peterson Alan S. Russo Scott Erik Saikley Teresa Ann Schiavone Errett Brian Schneider Grant James Seaman Yuki Angela Seda-Kane Janet Elaine Smoot James Randall Steel Caitlin E. Struble Matthew Bruce Sullivan Kevin Norman Sutton Robert John Van Liere	Pascal Alain Aughtry James Douglas Boudreau Joseph Matthew Brink Alfred Herbert Cook Brian Douglas Dawson Artemus Logan Derosia Jon Severen Dewey Matthew Charles Franklin Michael Gatti Matthew Lee Goelzer Peter Woodruff Grove Kristopher James Herrell David Elwyn Hipp Jeff Rhys Humphreys John H. Kamus Taying Lee Kenneth Aidan Lowney Scott C. Maloney Sharon M. Manley William Douglas Martin Dorrance Edward McCullen Ernest Robert Munch Mark Patrick Nye	Maureen Elizabeth O'Leary Shelley Marlene Pastachak Wendy L. Pautz Scott E. Pfeffer Andre Stefan Pierce Sherri Privitera Dennis Kim Quon Kurt Daniel Rathmann David Lawrence Rhodes Daniel Shea Roach Paul Joseph Rupp Carlo Ruth Alberto Salvatore Thomas R.A. Schermerhorn Shelly Servick Grant A. Simpson Cass Calder Smith Charles E. Smith Kirk Edward Van Cleave Paul Robert Warnock Lee S. Weintraub Mildred Dana White

### Check the status of a business or professional license

Use the Department of Licensing's [Business and Professional License Search](#) to find out:

- if a person or business has a professional license.
- if a business is licensed with a city or the state.
- if your business or professional license is active.
- when a business or professional license will expire.

### Do your fellow architects get these announcements?

They should. Please tell them to sign up to the Architects' ListServ electronic mailing list. They can join the Listserv by visiting our [website](#) and following these steps:

- Click "What's New", and select "Join Mailing list"
- Select the ListServ® link
- Select the "Join or leave the list (or change settings)" link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the join list button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list

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